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Amend the Law relating to issue of Licences for the A.D. 1902.
Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

5 1. This Act shall extend to Ireland only, and may be cited as the Licensing (Ireland) Act, 1902. Extent and title of Act.

2. From and after the passing of this Act no licence shall be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, whether for consumption on or off the premises, except— Provision against the issue of new licences

10 (1) For premises which are now licensed or which were licensed at any time since the first day of January one thousand nine hundred; or

15 (2) For an hotel, which expression shall refer to a house containing at least ten apartments set apart and used exclusively for the sleeping accommodation of travellers, and having no public bar for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

3. Where, by reason of the expiration of a lease, the holder of a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors for consumption on the premises obtains the extinction or surrender of such licence, Expiring leases.
20 the licensing authority may, notwithstanding anything in this Act, grant a licence for suitable premises in the immediate vicinity of the premises to which the licence so extinguished or surrendered was attached.

4. Where, owing to increasing population, there is a growth Limit as to population
25 or extension of any city or town, and the licensing authority are satisfied that the restrictions in this Act on the granting of licences may be relaxed, they may grant a licence to any applicant, notwithstanding that the same would be otherwise forbidden by this Act,

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A.D. 1902. provided that such licence shall be granted only in the parish or district in which such increase of population has taken place, and in substitution for an existing licence or licences within the same petty sessions district in which, and in the immediate vicinity of, the premises for which the licence is to be granted are situate. 5

Limit as to valuation of licensed premises. 5. In the case of applications under section two, subsection three, and section three, the premises shall be valued under the Irish Valuation Acts at not less than—

Thirty pounds for the city of Dublin and Dublin Metropolitan Police District and the city of Belfast; 10

Twenty pounds in the cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford, and Londonderry;

Fifteen pounds in the cities of Galway and Kilkenny;

Twelve pounds in any other city or town of over ten thousand inhabitants at the census ascertained next preceding the 15 application; and

Ten pounds in all other places.

Exception in favour of adjoining premises. 6. Nothing in this Act shall operate to prevent the granting of new licences, where the licensing authority thinks fit, to premises attached to or adjoining premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors at the date of the passing of this Act; provided always, that such new licence as last herein-before mentioned shall only be granted in order to render the said licensed premises more suitable for the business carried on therein. 20

Transfers not to be affected. 7. Nothing in this Act shall be taken to affect the law as to the transfer or assignment of licences from one person to another or as to the renewal of licences. 25

Definitions. 8. In this Act the expression "increase in population" shall be taken to mean an increase of not less than fifty per cent. of the population according to the last census. The expression "licence" shall not be held to include a wholesale beer dealer's licence, or a licence required for a military canteen, or an occasional licence, but shall include an excise licence; and these and all other expressions in this Act shall have respectively the same meaning as in the Licensing (Ireland) Acts, 1872 and 1874, and for this purpose this Act shall be construed with the said Acts. 30 35

Limit of operation of Act. 9. This Act shall continue in force until the *thirty-first day of December one thousand nine hundred and seven*, and no longer, unless Parliament shall otherwise determine.

